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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)
129249-2

In re Application of
Ming Li et al.

Application Number 08/974,179	Filed 11/19/97
For IMPROVED METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRIMMING ALUMINUM SHEET	
Group Art Unit 3724	Examiner C. Dexter

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows
(check time period desired):

One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))
 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))
 Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) minus 2-months previously paid
(\$890 - \$390)
 Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))
 Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$_____.

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 500859.
I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the applicant/inventor

assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
 attorney or agent of record.
 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).
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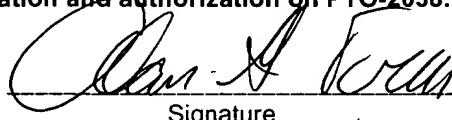
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 1,210.00)

Complete if Known

Application Number	08/974,179
Filing Date	November 19, 1997
First Named Inventor	Ming Li
Examiner Name	C. Dexter
Group Art Unit	3724
Attorney Docket No.	129249-2

METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

Deposit Account Number 500859
Deposit Account Name Pietragallo

Charge Any Additional Fee Required
Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

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See 37 CFR 1.27

2. Payment Enclosed:

Check Credit card Money Order Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201 355 Utility filing fee	710
106	320	206 160 Design filing fee	
107	490	207 245 Plant filing fee	
108	710	208 355 Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214 75 Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)			710

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	12	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	2	-20** = 0	x 0 = 0	0
Multiple Dependent		- 3** = 0	x 0 = 0	0

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203 9 Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204 135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209 40 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		

*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139 130 Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215 55 Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216 195 Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217 445 Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218 695 Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228 945 Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219 155 Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220 155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221 135 Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241 620 Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242 620 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243 220 Design issue fee	
144	600	244 300 Plant issue fee	
122	130	122 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246 355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249 355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279 355 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) 3-month extension (890)			500
minus 2-month (390)			
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid			
SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)			500

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